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Sent: Sunday, 10 March 2019 12:50 PM

To: Local Government Mailbox

Subject: Fwd: Objection to rate variation Dungog Council NSW

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to place my objection to the proposed 98% increase to the rates applicable Dungog shire

I do not object to a rate increase based on the CPI

I moved to Clarencetown from inner Lambton where rates were \$2000 (with an increase based on CPI) to Clarencetown at \$1480 per annum increase based on what?

The 98% increase will bring Clarencetown rates to \$4000 ? per year compared to approx \$ 1800 at Lambton

The value of services per rate cost in Clarencetown appears to me to be disturbingly less than that of Newcastle

Dungog council appears to struggle with their responsibilities as it is and I extremely doubt the situation with increased funds would be any different

More money injected would not necessarily resolve the williams river bridge affair, the caravan park debacle, the museum stalemate, the neglected roads, incorrect numbering and naming at Wallaroo estate, I am afraid none of these issues will be resolved merely by injecting more money at the ratepayers expense, I am afraid hard work is required by council for the resolutions of problems

Perhaps the amalgamation of council with Port Stephens would assist with councils workload and enable completion of ongoing projects

I personally being 70 years of age ,undergoing cancer treatment and having little to no income have no hope of seeing any value for my spending on rate increases

As per above I strongly object to the proposed increase

regards [REDACTED]